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RESPONSE

In response to the action mailed June 28, 2002 and the advisory action of September 26, 2002, please amend the application as follows:

In the claims:

Please cancel claim 9.

Please amend claims 1-4, 6, 7, 11, 13, 14-21, 87-89 as follows:

1. (Three times amended) A laminate comprising

a substrate having at least one broad surface, and

a layer of hook-engageable non-woven material having a basis weight of less than

about 4 ounces per square yard and comprising a sheet-form web body having a first surface laminated to said at least one outer broad surface of the substrate and a second surface from which hook-engageable fibers or yarns extend, said hook-engageable material comprising stretched material, stabilized in its stretched condition, in the manner that there are fibers or yarns of hook-engageable loop form on said second surface and a distribution of straightened fibers; and

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